

Delta Independent Science Board Report

Summary: Delta Independent Science Board (Delta ISB) Vice Chair Dr. Tracy Collier will report on the Delta ISB's October 19 meeting, November 2 teleconference, and plans for their upcoming November 29-30 meeting.

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Dr. Collier will brief the Council on the Delta ISB's recent public meetings held on October 19 and November 2. He will also briefly discuss the Board's upcoming public meeting on November 29-30.

Discussion items at the October 19 public meeting included:

- The 2012 Bay-Delta Science Conference: the members discussed what they learned at the conference including science that they considered innovative and transformative, critical science issues that were under-represented or not covered, the Town Hall meeting, and suggestions to be forwarded to the conference organizing committee regarding the 2014 conference.
- Progress on developing the Delta Science Plan and next steps based on results of the Town Hall meeting held at the 2012 Bay Delta Science Conference.
- Delta ISB's upcoming review of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS).
- Reflections from outgoing member, Jeff Mount, who resigned his position on the Delta ISB effective October 31.

The Delta ISB also met the Delta Stewardship Council's new Executive Officer, Chris Knopp, and new Delta ISB member, Dr. Harindra (Joe) Fernando from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

At the November 2 public teleconference, the Board finalized the details of its field trip on November 29. The field trip will be held as a public meeting, will consist of a boat tour of habitat restoration projects in Suisun Marsh and the Cache Slough area of the northern Delta, and will be provided as a courtesy of the U.S. Geological Survey.

The agenda for the Board's November 30 meeting will include discussions of the following: the previous day's field trip, involvement of four federal agencies in Delta habitat restoration, the Board's review of the Draft BDCP EIR/EIS, and a report from three members on their review of the Delta Science Program's draft Strategic Plan.

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